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January 29, 1993

The Honorable Paul Wellstone
United State Senate
702 Hart Building
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Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Wellstone;

We are writing about our concern that the Federal Communications Commission has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), December 24, 1992, specifically Section 19, which will add significant delays to eliminating the price discrimination by programmers to the home satellite market.

As we've discussed with you before, Park Region serves West central rural Minnesota and because of low density, most of our customers do not have access to CATV. We have had limited success providing satellite services to these homes because a number of the programmers charge up to five times more to access the satellite market as CATV. Meanwhile programmer costs to serve the home satellite market through the aggregation of our national